

S-5149

1 Amend Senate File 2351 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause  
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. **256C.7** **Preschool**  
5 **scholarship program.**

6 1. *a.* For the purposes of this section, unless  
7 the context otherwise requires, "*scholarship preschool*  
8 *provider*" means a public or private provider of  
9 preschool services in this state that is not providing  
10 the preschool services under an approved local program  
11 and has the capacity to provide all of the following to  
12 children receiving a preschool scholarship:

13 (1) Instruction from a teacher who is appropriately  
14 licensed under chapter 272 and meets requirements under  
15 chapter 284. The teacher shall possess a bachelor's  
16 or graduate degree from an accredited college or  
17 university with a major in early childhood education  
18 or other appropriate major identified in rule by the  
19 department.

20 (2) A set of services operating in compliance  
21 with rules adopted by the state board for scholarship  
22 preschool providers relating to all of the following  
23 requirements:

24 (a) Maximum and minimum teacher-to-child ratios and  
25 class sizes.

26 (b) Applicable state and federal program standards.

27 (c) Student learning standards.

28 (d) A minimum of ten hours per week of instruction  
29 delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the  
30 student learning standards developed for scholarship  
31 preschool providers.

32 (e) Parental involvement in the scholarship  
33 preschool program.

34 (f) Compliance with data collection and performance  
35 measurement processes and reporting as defined by the  
36 department by rule.

37 *b.* Children eligible to enroll in an approved  
38 local program implemented by a school district in  
39 accordance with this chapter but who choose to utilize  
40 a scholarship preschool provider for preschool shall  
41 be eligible to receive a preschool scholarship in  
42 the manner provided in this section for school years  
43 beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

44 2. By July 31 of the school year for which a  
45 preschool scholarship is requested, the parent or  
46 guardian of the pupil requesting to receive the  
47 preschool scholarship shall submit an application to  
48 the department of management, on application forms  
49 developed by the department, indicating that the parent  
50 or guardian intends to enroll the child in preschool

1 services offered by a scholarship preschool provider.

2 3. a. The department of management shall assign  
3 each pupil a preschool scholarship in an amount not to  
4 exceed the lesser of the following:

5 (1) The regular amount charged for full-time  
6 enrollment in the preschool services offered by  
7 the scholarship preschool provider to children not  
8 participating in the preschool scholarship program.

9 (2) Twenty-five percent of the regular program  
10 state cost per pupil during the school year in which  
11 the child participates in the preschool scholarship  
12 program.

13 b. The department of management shall on October  
14 1 following the determination of the amount of the  
15 preschool scholarship for each approved child remit  
16 that amount to the scholarship preschool provider for  
17 the approved child.

18 4. A preschool scholarship fund is created in the  
19 state treasury under the control of the department  
20 of management consisting of moneys appropriated to  
21 the department for the purpose of providing preschool  
22 scholarships under this section. For the fiscal  
23 year commencing July 1, 2014, and each succeeding  
24 fiscal year, there is appropriated from the general  
25 fund of the state to the department of management to  
26 be credited to the fund the amount necessary to pay  
27 all preschool scholarships approved for that fiscal  
28 year. The director of the department of management has  
29 all powers necessary to carry out and effectuate the  
30 purposes, objectives, and provisions of this section  
31 pertaining to the fund, including the power to do all  
32 of the following:

33 a. Make and enter into contracts necessary for the  
34 administration of the fund.

35 b. Procure insurance against any loss in connection  
36 with the assets of the fund or require a surety bond.

37 c. Contract with a private financial management  
38 firm to manage the fund, in collaboration with the  
39 treasurer of state.

40 d. Conduct audits or other review necessary to  
41 properly administer the program.

42 e. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the  
43 administration of the fund and accounts within the  
44 fund.>

45 2. Title page, by striking lines 2 through 4 and  
46 inserting <four-year-old children by establishing  
47 a preschool scholarship program to defray the  
48 costs for children to receive preschool services  
49 through a scholarship preschool provider and making  
50 appropriations.>

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